

# FREDERICK COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

CITIZENS SERVICES BUILDING

401 Sagner Ave.

Frederick, MD 21701

## **Minutes of the July 30, 2019 Meeting**

- I. The meeting was held at Winchester Hall, and called to order by Chair Mari Lee. An invitation was extended to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. The following members were present: Mari Lee, Lisa Clark, Annette Breiling, Francisco Alves, Lee Whisner, Georgette Hughes, Paula Glascoe, Irene Packer-Halsey, Roger Sobkowiak, Desiree Tucker and Chris Isleib. FPD Lt. Joe Hayer; Ben Mc Shane, City of Frederick Liaison; Roger Wilson, City Alderman; and guest Philip Herdman were also present.
- III. Guest speaker Roger Wilson, Alderman for the City of Frederick, spoke about the City's Youth Advisory Council. It was determined that there was a need for youth 14 – 18 to have more opportunities to become engaged in the community to make an impact and become more involved. There are 13 members and they are allowed to serve 2 terms. They come from all of the high schools and are very aware about what is going on in their community. A few of the topics that have been discussed are sustainability, race relations and LGBTQ issues. Alderman Wilson showed a video of a conversation among Mayor Michael O'Connor; Bob Smith, Deputy Parks and Recreation Director; Public Information Coordinator Patti Mullins; and himself. The video can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CPKT1dmt0lw>
- IV. Lt. Hayer invited all of the members to attend the Academy Graduation on August 30, 2019 at 3 pm at the Weinberg Center. They are also preparing to hire officers who will attend the next police academy.
- V. Lisa Clark moved, and Irene Packer-Halsey seconded, to approve the HRC's June 2019 meeting minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- VI. In regards to the Human Rights Luncheon scheduled for December 10, 2019, Roger Sobkowiak presented a proposal to the HRC that the topic should be "The Three Whites: White Privilege, White Supremacy, and White

Nationalism". Chris Isleib presented an alternative proposal titled 'Community Needs: Our Aging Population." A motion was made by Annette Breiling, with a second by Paula Glascoe, to present the "Three Whites" program at the luncheon. There was discussion, followed by a vote on the motion of 8 in favor and 4 opposed.

VII. Executive Committee Report

A brief summary of the Executive Committee meeting was given by Mari Lee. The meeting time has been changed to 5pm starting at the next meeting on August 12.

Annette Breiling reported there is \$4,700.00 available to the HRC.

VIII. Standing Committees

CRC – The new chair is Chris Isleib; Irene Packer Halsey, Lee Whisner and Georgette Hughes are also on that committee. Their focus will be on forums on race for youth.

GRC – Roger Sobkowiak is the chair; Francisco Alves, Annette Breiling, Paula Glascoe and Desiree Tucker are on that committee.

IRC – Needs a chair – Paula Glascoe, Michael Baran and Cindy Shubin are on that committee.

IX. Old Business

Dana Falls from FCPS let Mari Lee know that he would not be attending this meeting but would try to make the next one.

X. National Night Out is August 6, 2019, Paula Glascoe and Lee Whisner will represent the HRC at Carrollton Park, and Francisco Alves and Georgette Hughes will be at Hill Street Park.

XI. Members who chose to do so made brief final comments.

XII. The meeting was adjourned.